

II. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Status

Claims 1-28 are pending, of which, claims 15-27 stand withdrawn. Claims 1 and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,385,504 to Pinstov et al., hereinafter "Pinstov." Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pinstov.

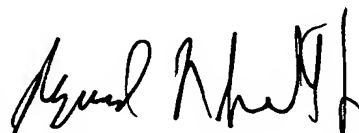
Claims 4, 7, 10, and 11 stand objected to, but allowable if rewritten appropriately. Applicant appreciates examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-14 and 28 have been canceled and claims 29-47 have been newly added. No new matter has been added. Claims 29-47 recite features previously recited in the objected to claims.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Raymond N. Scott Jr. at (215) 564-8951, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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